





A letter from St. Augustine, of the 31st, says:—"I have just returned from town, where I witnessed the effects of the late storm, which ended on the 21st. The streets were literally filled with the ruins of houses and buildings; the new market is a pile of ruins, and in all the badly wounded the Mayor and two other persons. The tide rose higher than ever before known, and inundated more than half the town. Four vessels were driven ashore high up the beach—boats passed through the streets, and, in the serviceable in saving the property. It is incessantly, to appearance *still winter*, which destroyed almost all vegetation. The oranges are much injured, and oranges destroyed."

**Dark Colors.**—The Mechanical Register contains a Meteorological Journal for July, by Mr. Tatum, of Cambridge, in which appears the following observation: "This month has been remarkable for its great heat, and for the absence of rain. My currants and gooseberries are burnt up: the black currant dark red gooseberries were the first affected, then the red currants; but the white ones remain pretty well. A striking proof of the scorching properties of dark colors for coloring."

The following Letter from the Purser's Report of the United States' Ship *D. Cuy*, brought to Philadelphia by a vessel from Pensacola, is fraught with heavy news:—"U. S. Ship Decoy, Off Baranaco, Oct. 11th, 1821.  
"The U. S. ship Decoy arrived here on the 9th, after a passage of 11 days from Havana and there she contracted the yellow fever, which has proved very fatal to her officers and crew.  
"The following officers and men have fallen victims to the disease:—  
Lieut. Com. Duane Forrest died Oct. 1st.  
Lieut. G. F. Weaver died 5th.  
Wm. J. Sch. Field, ord. Seaman, died 1st.  
John Malcolm, died 7th.  
The balance of the sick are landed at the ranches, and doing well.  
Lieut. Com. Wm. Pottenger, Lieut. Will. Green, sailing master G. B. Wilkinson, Dr. Widron, White, Midshipmen Skinner, Allen and Yancy, Master's Mate B. L. Richards, Gunner Thomas Stanley, and Boatwain Weich, are all well."

**New York Races.**—On Monday, the match between the southern and northern and the New York Eclipse colts was run at the Union Course, near New York. The first heat, of 3 miles, in 5 min. ten and 39 seconds, Ariel beat by about a neck. Second heat, 6 minutes 49 seconds, Florida beat about half a neck. Third heat Florida out thirty or forty rods ahead, and thus gained the purse. The stakes were forty thousand dollars.

Mr. Plumer, late Governor of New Hampshire, in some late writings of his, makes the following observations, which are, we believe, in this country, too generally applicable:—"In New Hampshire, where slaves are not tolerated, and where offices created for the benefit of the public, and for the incumbent, no more officers should be made than are necessary to perform the business of their office, and accommodate

wants of the people. The number of judges of the peace, have recently become so numerous that it is scarcely a mark of distinction. Their numbers, and the character of too many of them, has degraded the office, and brought it into contempt. I can see no remedy; their number for a county should not be limited by law, as well as the number of judges, senators, and representatives."

A letter to the editor of the *Virginian*, of Lexington, (Kentucky,) says, that petitions were in circulation in that state signed by two Jurors which had convicted Desha; others, praying his release - on the ground, 1st, that it is impossible to procure an Jury in the State; and 2ndly, that to do so would consume so much time as very soon to clog and retard business. We should be surprised if justice should be at last done to a victim, who has not a single claim on the compassion of mankind.

A gentleman who came passenger in the British schr. *James Hamilton*, from Grenada, arrived at Norfolk, informs that an earthquake was experienced at Port Spain, Trinidad, the 23d Sept. the shock of which was so severe that it shook down several houses, injured many others, including the church. No lives were lost, but several persons were much bruised. The same shock was felt in Grenada, but without injury.

The president and directors of the Steam Mill and Baking Company have presented a petition to the legislature of New Jersey, praying them to incorporate a company for the purpose of carrying on the Steam Mill and manufacturing operations, under "name of the Salem Steam Mill and Baking Company, and to pass an act to change the name of "the Salem Steam Mill and Baking Company," to that of Salem Baking Company.

General Atkinson and Major O'Fallon arrived at Port Atkinson, on the 19th Sept. after having negotiated treaties of trade friendship with the Ponces, Tetons, Yalons, Angellahas, Saoncas, Hunkpapas, Chocoes, Ricaras, Mandans, Minitaireres and Indians. The commissioners had been to Two thousand Mile Creek, about 30 miles above where the Yellowstone enters the south.

Petitions have been presented to the Jersey legislature from inhabitants of Essex Morris and Bergen counties, praying for authority to authorise the cutting of a Canal from quackonuk, by Hellville and Newark, to the waters of the Passaic and Hackensack with the Hudson, in order to effect a easy communication with New York. The petitions were referred to a committee.

The Southern papers caution the public beware of a man, calling himself George W. Bradley, but whose real name is Buley, and who is said to be from thence. September last, he stopped at Petersburg, and exhibited a letter of credit, purporting to be drawn by Messrs. Lyman and Ralston, Boston, advising him of the sale of a pair of floor, and authorizing him to draw at sight \$475. On the 22d of that month, Mr. Bradley Buley, placed this letter in the hands of the gentleman at whose house he boarded and drew upon Messrs. Lyman and Ralston the amount stated in the letter to be due in favor of that gentleman, who had previously made him an advance thereon. The following night, Bradley, alias Buley, eloped, was traced to Norfolk, but all attempts to arrest him failed. The draft has subsequently returned protested, Messrs. Lyman & Ralston denying all knowledge of the said Bradley Buley.

The R. I. African mission, for that Bishop who had been missing for some time, and was supposed to be murdered, has written to his friends from the western part of the state. He states that after making inquiries at Providence, R. I. for a vessel bound to that place, he has no recollection of any vessel he could be found himself at the place from







